Colored Dots

Impressive services were held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The field missionary of the Hasidiah Baptist Association was the guest minister. All present enjoyed the message. The church choir rendered special music. The pastor gave remarks. The offering for the day was very good.

The local P.-T. A. of the Mount Airy community will sponsor a social at the Carver-Price High School this Saturday evening beginning at 7:30. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the Carver P.-T. A. The public is invited to attend.

Regular evening services were conducted at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The pastor was in charge. The church choir rendered music.

Regular services were held at the First Baptist Church last Sunday morning.

The members and friends of the community Bible Class are asked to attend the regular meeting this Sunday at 3:30 P. M. A discussion on the origin of the Bible will be continued by Mr. G. L. James.

Regular preaching services will be held at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning. All members are asked to attend. This will be known as our annual missionary day. Rev. Mr. Shelton will be the guest speaker. Please come and be on time. The church choir will render special music.

Rev. R. Q. Lawing will deliver the founders' day address at the Bermuda school near Petersburg this Sunday at 4:00 P. M.

Mr. Vann Patterson is on the sick list. He is receiving special treatment at his home.

The Rev. E. G. Hall, pastor of the Popular Lawn Baptist Church in Bedford will render service at the Galilee Baptist Church the first Sunday night in March at 8 o'clock. He will be accompanied by his choir. Please bear this date in mind. The program will be sponsored for the benefit of the church.

Plans are near completion for the annual woman's day program at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church to be celebrated on the third Sunday evening in March at 3 o'clock.

The wedding of Miss Adlean Mosely and Mr. John W. Harvey was held at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing last Friday evening at 7:45, with members of the groom's family and several friends present. Teh newlyweds will make their home in Spout Spring.

The local chapter of N. F. A. held their initiation for the farm hand degree in the chapel of the Carver-Price High School today at activity period. Seventeen members were initiated. The ceremony was performed by members of the tenth grade. The principal of the school gave some remarks. The local N. F. A. quartet rendered several musical selections.

DHIA SUMMARY GIVEN FOR 1954

A total of 42,854 dairy cattle about 10% of the total population in Virginia, completed dairy herd improvement association testing in 1954, according to a report just released by M. F. Ellmore, associate dairy husbandman at VPI.

There were 316 herds that averaged above either an enviable 10,000 pounds of milk or 370 pounds of butterfat per cow.

And what did the average DHIA cow do? She produced 8,385 pounds of milk and 341 pounds of butterfat. She produced 35 pounds more milk than she did in 1953, and 133 pounds more than she did in 1952.

In order to produce this milk, she consumed 6,102 pounds of silage, 3,601 pounds of hay, 2,854 pounds of concentrates and was on pasture for 194 days. She returned to the dairyman $263 above the cost of feed. Out of that $263 the dairyman has to pay himself and his labor, and for building, and equipment, machinery and other costs.

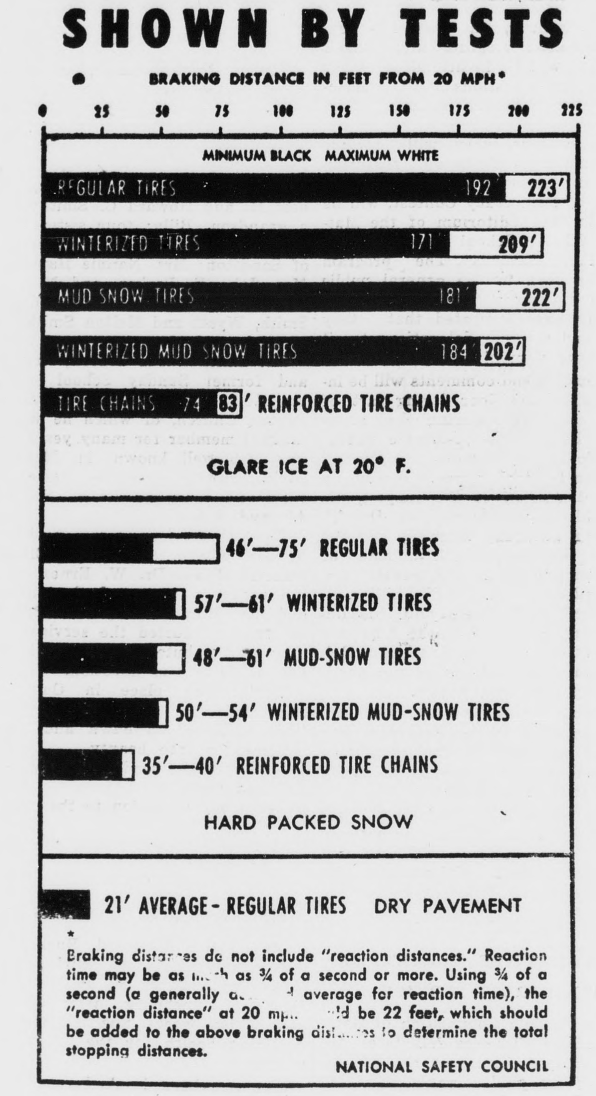
Ellmore says it is the performance of the top herds that provides a striking example of how good practices pay off. There are three main factors:

(1) Breeding. Each cow is born with an inherited level of production. Continued use of the best sires available will raise the inherited level. Artificial breeding has made it possible for all dairymen to make use of the superior inheritance that might not be available through natural service.

(2) Feeding. A feeding system that will provide adequate nutrients is essential.

(3) Management. The day-to-day handling of the cow is important. The dairyman must know the individual likes, dislikes and habits of his animals. This individual attention will aid in top production.

BRAKING DISTANCE SHOWN BY TESTS



* Braking distances do not include "reaction distances." Reaction time may be as much as ¾ of a second or more. Using ¾ of a second (a generally accepted average for reaction time), the "reaction distance" at 20 mph would be 22 feet, which should be added to the above braking distances to determine the total stopping distances.

FERTILIZE PASTURES EARLY HELP LICK FEED SHORTAGE

Virginia farmers can help lick their feed shortage problems this spring through the judicious use of fertilizer.

This is because it has been found that livestock can be turned out to graze two to three weeks earlier than usual on a well-fertilzed, improved pasture—The National Fertilizer Association reports. A good shot of complete fertilizer put on pastures and hay lands now will make them jump ahead with the earliest indication of spring weather. This means they not only become productive earlier in the spring, but will continue to produce better throughout the grazing season.

This view is confirmed by John F. Shoulders, Extension Agronomist, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, who points out that fertilizer applied now will provide young grasses and legumes with a readily available supply of plant food. As a result, they start their growth earlier in the spring than if they have to wait until the soil warms up sufficiently to release such plant food as already may be contained in the soil. Plant food locked in the soil is not released in any great quantity until the soil becomes warm.

"We have found here in Virginia that well-fertilized pastures are ready for grazing as much as two weeks earlier than unfertilized pastures," says Mr. Shoulders. "Good pasture is nature's most perfect livestock feed. What's more, it costs less than other feeds, and the livestock does its own harvesting—both extra dividends.

"As a general rule, Virginia farmers should apply from 300 to 400 pounds of 4-16-8 or 5-10-10 fertilizer per acre of improved bluegrass or native pasture," Mr. Shoulders points out.

For rotational pastures such as ladino cloveh-tall grass mixtures or hay lands, he recommends from 400 to 800 pounds of 5-10-10 or 2-12-12 fertilizer or the equivalent. For alfalfa, the recommendation is for the annual topdressing of from 600 to 1000 pounds of 0-10-12 per acre to which borac has been added.

IT'S A FACT

On a population basis, Virginia has the 40th worst rate among the 48 states for automobile thefts.

The year 1900 was the first year in which more automobiles were sold than carriages and wagons.

As late as 1906, a buggy maker attempted to prove statistically to dwindling ranks of doctor customers that his product was still desirable. His ad in the Journal of American Medical Association read: "Oh! No, The Horse Hasn't Gone, and Never will!"

A new British law provides fines as high as $140 for pedestrians who ignore police officers.

Nine out of ten car owners can not tell you the numbers on their license plates.

Mexico City's Social Improvement Department has announced its decision to send reckless drivers to a prototype of Devil's Island, located 100 miles off the Pacific Coast. It notes that mere jail is too easy for them.

REDUCE YOUR CHICK LOSSES

Good poultry raisers like to raise nine out of every 10 chicks started. Some do better but this is considered a good average.

Some, however, fail to raise 90 per cent of their chicks. This can be due to a number of reasons, many of which can be corrected.

Low-quality chicks, poor management, inadequate nutrition, lack of sanitation—these are some of the reasons why poultrymen fall short of the mark. Chick quality can be controlled by buying chicks from a reputable hatchery and paying for good quality. Nutrition should not be a problem if good feed is supplied in proper amounts.

Critical Points

This leaves management and sanitation as the critical points of success or failure. Don't fail to give chicks the attention they need. They should be inspected regularly for feed and water supply for ventilation and for cleanliness.

If chicks are not feeding and drinking, there's a reason. Look for it and correct it. If they huddle the heat and ventilation should be checked. If the air is heavy and strong, the ventilation is not adequate.

Be sure to keep the brooder house clean. Do not allow damp areas around waterers. Stir the litter regularly and add fresh, clean litter occasionally.

Need Room

Sanitation and ventilation can be made easier by brooding the right number of chicks. Too many chicks should not be put in a brooder house. Overcrowding results in disease, cannibalism and other troubles. The right number of chicks is two per square foot of floor space. In other yords, a 10 by 12 house will accomodate about 250 chicks.

Good chicks, good housing, good feeding, good all-around care — these are the "musts" for success in chick-raising. When these essentials are followed, along with modern specific prevention of disease chick losses can be reduced substantially.

Profitable poultry means healthy poultry. By following certain practices, a flockowner can help minimize losses to disease and help maximize profits.

A car driver near Danville attempted to loosen his shoe. His vehicle went out of control and three deaths resulted. The only person involved to escape unscathed was the driver with the tight shoe.

A new highway sign of hard aluminum alloy is now in use to discourage vandalism which runs to $75,000 a year. Principal cause is gunfire, but 7 per cent is blamed on "misused muscle power."

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New county ordinance requires all dogs in this county to be vaccinated for rabies by June 1, 1955.

George Washington University is ranked sixth in the nation for its basketball team.

Appomattox town council to meet Monday night.

Dial 2811 with Personals.

Spout Spring P.-T. A. will meet next Monday night.

NEWS FOR VETERAN[S]

Persons entering [the armed] forces for the first time [after Feb]ruary 1, 1955, are peace[time vet]erans when they leave se[rvice and] as such, are entitled only [to peace]time benefits, Veterans [Administra]tion said.

Peacetime veterans, [under pre]sent laws, will not be e[ligible for] any of the benefits provi[ded by the] Korean GI Bill, nor for [war]time service benefits pay[able to vet]erans of the Korean conf[lict].

Peacetime veterans ma[y be en]titled, under certain con[ditions, to] medical and domiciliary [care, dis]ability compensation, aid [for the] blinded, "wheel chair" ho[mes, serv]icemen's indemnity, gu[aranteed] commercial life insurance, burial expenses, burial fl[ag, guard]ianship service and app[ointment]. Dependents may be entitle[d to] compensation where the v[eteran died] of service-connected caus[es].

The principal benefits a[nd condi]tions are:

Medical and Dental — [A] peacetime veteran may [be entitled] to hospitalization, outpati[ent medi]cal and dental treatment [and pros]thetic service, provided h[e was dis]charged under other than [dishonor]able conditions for a [disability] incurred in line of duty [or is re]ceiving compensation for [service]-connected disability.

Domiciliary Care— A veteran may be entitled to [domicili]ary care if he meets the [eli]gibllity requirements an[d is in]capacited from earning [a living] and has no adequate mea[ns of sup]port.

Disability Compensatio[n — A vet]eran disabled by injury [or disease] incurred in, or aggravated [by, peace]time service may qualify [for dis]ability compensation. [Discharge] must have been under o[ther than] dishonorable conditions.

Monthly rates range fr[om $17 to] $145, depending on the [degree of] disability, plus statutory [awards for] amputations, blindness, e[tc., up to] a maximum of $336.

Where the disability [resulted] from extra-hazardous ser[vice such] as simulated warfare, th[e veteran] may be entitled to war[time rates.] These are $17 to $181, [plus statu]tory awards, up to a ma[ximum of] $420.

Veterans rated 50 per [cent or] more disabled may be e[ntitled to] additional compensation f[or wife,] children, or dependent pa[rents].

TO HAVE NEW ACTO[R] FOR ROLE OF JEFF[ERSON] IN "COMMON GLOR[Y]"

Williamsburg, Va.- Tho[mas Jeffer]son's outspoken opposition [to third] terms in office—he repe[atedly and] forcefully declined to se[ek the pres]idency after serving eigh[t years in] office—has come home to [roost in a] theatrical way for the [Jamestown] Corporation.

"The Common Glory's" Jefferson for the past two [seasons,] this case Layton Zimmr[...] nounced that he will be at[...] the curtain opens on the ninth season next June 2[...] manner not too rem[iniscent of the] free-thinking author of th[e Declara]tion of the Declaration [of Inde]pendence, however, he wi[ll en]ter the Episcopal ministry [...]

During the first eight [seasons of] Common Glory, six actors [have play]ed the Jefferson role, [...] them for what amount [to ...] "terms."

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Local Post Office 100 Years Old Yesterday

Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

[W]e sold completely out of copies [of l]ast week's issue and had to turn [dow]n requests for copies. So we're [incr]easing the press run. Also: we [have] a newsdealer now in Pamplin: [...] Ramsey, at Pamplin Amoco [Serv]ice, on Route 460 in Pamplin.

[M]rs. W. T. Steele writes in with [a qu]otation sent to her by a friend: [Age] seems to be best in four things: [Old] wood, best to burn, [Old] wine, best to drink, [Old] friends, best to trust, [Old] authors, best to read.

[Th]anks for this quotation, and do [send] us some more.

[On]e night while Gen. Thomas J. [Jack]son (Stonewall) was professor [of] Experimental Philosophy and [Nat]ural History at VMI, he re[calle]d a conversation he had had [duri]ng the day with an acquaint[ance]. In going over the conversa[tion] he remembered that in dis[cussi]ng some minor matter, he had [made] an incorrect statement. It [was] in the middle of the night, but [Jack]son arose, dressed and walked [thro]ugh the streets of Lexington [to k]nock on the door of this chance [acqu]aintance, and apologize for [havin]g said something he could not [...]. Another time, Jackson re[called] that he had given a student [an i]ncorrect answer in class. Same [...]: he arose and roused the stu[dent] to amend the matter. Com[...] what a better and happier [world] if more of us copied after [Stone]wall Jackson!

[M]any of us have heard of the ["Nor]thern Neck" of Virginia. It is, [we] understand, that body of land [stret]ching inland between the Rappa[hannock] and Potomac Rivers. A "neck" [is a b]ody of land between two rivers [or cr]eeks or inlets. There are many [such b]odies of land in Eastern Vir[ginia, es]pecially over on the Eastern [Shore, w]here endless creeks and in[lets] indent the shoreline. I recall [that I] visited such "necks" as: Old [...] Neck, Savage's Neck, Church [Neck,] Wilsonia Neck, Occohannock [Neck,] Chessanessex Neck, Guilford [Neck,] Upshur's Neck, Joliff's Neck, [...] Neck, Hack's Neck, Wallop's [Neck] and others. Some of these are [excell]ent fishing locations.

[Fro]m a clipping: When you are [old, n]o matter how you arrange the [...], you are still uncomfortable.

[In] grandfather's day, parents wor[ried] about bringing up their children. [Now]adays, the problem is keeping up [with] them. —West Bend, Wis., News.

[Mil]k is the principal product of [the] world. It is divided into plain, big, back, double, idle and [...]. It is said in every language [know]n to man, and of course, to [...]n. It comes out of loud[speak]ers, professional speakers, [after]-dinner speakers and plain [wind]bags. It is a means of com[munication], explanation, exaggera[tion] and prevarication. It is one [way] of getting out of line and [into] trouble. Some is good, some is [bad,] some is indifferent, and some, [no d]oubt, is necessary. Everybody [knows] there is too much of it, but [the p]roblem is how to get less with[out] doing more. —Quoted in the [Pho]enix Flame.

[Ho]w a little sunshine can change [the e]ntire day. Take yesterday! It [starte]d out raining, but turned out to [be on]e of the brighest of the year.

[A] Hutchinson, Minn., man knows [a fri]end who always has bought [black] cars. His reason: he didn't [want] to be conspicuous. This year, he [bough]t a red car. His reason: he [wants] to be conspicuous. Minne[apolis] Tribune.

[Lo]cal Editor Spoke At [Sp]out Spring P.-T.A.

[Ed]win Robinson, editor of The [Times]-Virginian was the speaker at [the me]eting of the Spout Spring P.-[T. A.] Monday night. Mr. Robinson [spoke] on the human interest side [of G]eorge Washington, whose birth[day] was observed Tuesday.

[Fol]lowing the address, two solos [were] rendered by Miss Peggy Henry, [acco]mpanied at the piano by Mrs. [...]r Henry. Mrs. Beane, P.-T. A. [presid]ent, presided at a business ses[sion]. Mr. Robinson was introduced [by Mr]s. N. H. Jones.

McLean House Attendance Off Slightly in '54

According to figures released this week at the Appomattox Court National Historical Park, a total of 62,250 persons visited the famous Appomattox peace grounds during the calendar year 1954. This was a decrease of 750 from the 63,000 of the calendar year 1953.

Paid admission charges went on at the McLean House, scene of the Surrender of Gen. R. E. Lee to Gen. U. S. Grant during the year. From July 1, 1954, effective date of the admission charge, to October 31, 1954, a total of 6,749 persons paid $1,687.25 to visit the House.

In addition hundreds of school children visited the McLean House free of charge.

During the year, increased attendance was noted at the National Park Service Museum, now located in the old Tavern, which has been restored to its 1865 condition.

Pre-School Children Must Be Registered

Names of children who plan to enter school for the first time in September, should be registered with teachers at the school which they will attend as soon as possible, Dr. H. E. Jenkins, Health Director in Appomattox County, states.

He said this will enable them to attend pre-school clinics to be held in the near future under Health Department and County School Board supervision. Children who will be six on or before October 1 and will enter the first grade should be registered, Dr. Jenkins advised.

Clinics will be held in March and April at the Health Department offices in Appomattox. Smallpox vaccination is required for school enrtance and a booster dose of toxoid will be given as added protection against diphtheria and whooping cough, without charge.

Parents will be notified of the date of the clinic and one or both of the parents are requested to come with the child for the examination, so that the doctor may discuss with them any condition found that may hinder the child's progress in school. Notification of the child's birth registration (birth certificate) will be required to determine his age.

Any parents who prefer to have this examination by their family physician, may do so.

COURT ORDER SIGNED IN FERGUSON CASE

A court order committing Roy H. Ferguson, accused of shooting his wife to death here last month, to a State mental institiution for examination was signed last Saturday by Judge Joel W. Flood, of the circuit court.

Demonstration Club Schedule

The following schedule has been announced for county home demonstration clubs:

Tuesday, March 1.- Lee Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Abbott Coleman.

Wednesday, March 2.- Glendale Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Frank Nash.

Thursday, March 3. The Rocks Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Toby Inge.

Friday, March 4.- Piney Ridge Home Demonstration Club will meet at 1:30 P. M. with Mrs. Barbara Lewis.

Friday, March 4.- Country Lane Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Charlie Carter.

"Buying hose and shoes" will be the subject for demonstration.

PLAN TO USE THE SALK-ANTI POLIO VACCINE IN VA.

State level officials of the Virginia Health Department, the Virginia Education Department, and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis met in Richmond February 17 to make preliminary plans for using the Salk Anti-Polio vaccine in Virginia early this spring, if it is licensed by the National Institute of Health.

Although the report on the effectiveness of the vaccine is not expected until early April, it was felt that plans for its use must be made now in order to complete the series of three shots before state schools dismiss for the summer vacation.

A decision was reached to conduct a state-wide meeting at Roanoke on March 14 for the purpose of bringing together all county and city school superintendents, all county and city health officers, and representatives of the 107 National Foundation Chapters in Virginia. At this meeting it is expected that detailed plans will be made for the inoculation of approximately 200,000 Virginia children in the first and second grades, and in those areas where the vaccine field trials were conducted last spring, the third and fourth grade children who participated in the study in 1954.

Following the Roanoke meeting it is expected that county planning meetings will be held throughout the state in order that local health officers, county and city school principals, members of the Medical Association, and National Foundation chapter volunteers can make plans for the adaptation of the program to the local level.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis announced early last fall that enough anti-polio vaccine would be provided without cost through March of Dimes funds to inoculate 9,000,000 children throughout the U. S. if the vaccine is proven effective. Virginia parental requests for the trial vaccine were so encouraging last spring that State Health and National Foundation officials feel that the percentage of parental requests for the vaccine in Virginia may approach 100 per cent in those eligible groups.

Blue Hornets End Season Friday Night

The A. H. S. basketball teams close their regularly scheduled season this Friday night, when they play Altavista High School.

Coach Gordon Bragg hails the season as a successful one, featured by the first use of the new gymnasium here. Local fans have turned out in large numbers, and basketball is definitely on the upgrade in interest here.

Last week, A. H. S. boys chalked up three more victories. They journeyed to New London to win 75-67, with "Boots" Carter as high scorer. Thursday night, the Blue Hornets met William Campbell here for a 53-36 win. Jerry George had 16 points. Against Pamplin High School Friday night, the boys won 50 - 38.

A. H. S. girls met with one defeat and gained one victory. Against William Campbell, Edna Gregory was high scorer with 22 points. On Friday night, Marilyn Guill, with 12 points and Frankie Doss with 10 points led the girls to a 25-22 victory over the Pamplin H. S. girls.

A. H. S. defeated William Campbell H. S. there Tuesday night, by a score of 49 to 32. Jerry George had 17 points for the Blue Hornets.

In the opening game, Appomattox girls, led by Jane Holt, won a 63-45 victory.

Withdraw Dog Quarantine

Mayor Chas. F. James announced yesterday that the town quarantine on dogs was being withdrawn. Two weeks were left in the quarantine, ordered last month due to rabies epidemic in nearby counties. Mayor James called attention to a new county ordinance requiring dogs to be vaccinated by June 1, and urged dog owners to see that this is done.

County Budget Is In Balance As Proposed

It required a lot of figuring, but Appomattox County has come up with a proposed budget for the fiscal year that is in balance. The proposed budget is published in today's issue and calls for total expenditures in the school fund of $464,123.97 and for $225,914.60 in the general fund.

The proposed budget will be up for a hearing and adoption at the April meeting of the County Board of Supervisors.

Bugest problem faced in trying to balance the budget was concerned with the school expenditures. Increases in teacher salaries, called for in the state schedule, and increased maintenance costs posed difficult problems. The general fund lists an item of $94,400.00 to be appropriated to the school fund, and this item is carried in both budgets. In the school budget, $217,034.04 is listed as to come from state funds.

Traditionally, Appomattox County operates on a balanced budget, and at times has carried along a fair surplus. However, this year it was touch and go to make it come out even.

Rep. Abbitt Is Appointed To Peanut Comm.

Representative Watkins M. Abbitt has been named to serve on the Peanut Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee, it was announced today.

Abbitt, the Fourth District Congressman, was selected by Representative Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.) Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

Abbitt represents an area which includes one of the major peanut producing sections in the country and as a member of the subcommittee will be in a position to render service to peanut growers throughout the section.

Abbitt has been a member of the House Agriculture Committee since 1949 and has been active in dealing with legislation affecting the peanut industry.

Upon his selection for the subcommittee, Abbitt said, "I feel that Virginia has a special place in the peanut industry in the United States and one which we Virginians look to with particular pride. It is my desire, as it has always been, to devote my careful consideration to all matters affecting our peanut growers as well as the others connected with this important field."

Abbitt recently was named chairman of the Tobacco Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee and also serves as a member of the subcommittee dealing with general operation of the agricultural legislative work.

Dr. W. A. Flick Speaks Tonight At Banquet

Dr. Walter A. Flick, head of the Psychology Department at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, will be the guest speaker at a ladies night banquet of the Appomattox Lions Club tonight.

The banquet is scheduled for 6:45 at the local high school cafeteria.

Miss Easley Shuford will furnish musical entertainment during the banquet.

Dr. Flick is well known as an afternoon speaker, and the attendance committee of the Lions Club is anxious to have a full turn-out of members and their guests.

Garden Club Meets Monday

The Appomattox Garden Club will meet Feb. 28 at 8:00 P. M. in the high school cafeteria. Hostesses for the evening will be: Mrs. H. S. Jones, Jr.; Mrs. H. S. Jones, and Mrs. C. R. Morton.

Leader for the evening will be Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr., and the speaker will be Mr. Lunsford Loving, of Lynchburg. He will speak on "Propagation."

Exhibits

1. "Hearts and Flowers," a composition suggesting Valentines.
2. Twin arrangements in identical containers suitable for mantel.
3. Miniature arrangement (3 inches or under) using all foliage.

Horticulture

1. Specimen of forced shrub.
2. Specimen of crocus.
3. Collection of crocus.
4. Speciment of any early spring flowers.

2 Local Scouts Receive Awards

On Feb. 10 at the West End Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Piedmont Area Council Boy Scouts of America held an Honor Court, at which time eligible Scouts were awarded honors for which they were qualified. Among the 5 Scouts receiving the Star Scout Awards were two from Troop 46, Appomattox, John Ivey and Thomas Edward Holland. In addition to receiving the third highest award for Scouting, Thomas Edward received four merit badges and John Ivey two.

Troop 46 is composed of 18 boys, and there are openings for seven more boys in the troop.

HAZEL MOON CIRCLE

The Hazel Moon Circle of the W. M. U. of Liberty Baptist Church will meet Monday night, February 28, at 8:00 o'clock, with Mrs. G. Lewis Doss. Mrs. H. G. Johnson will be co-hostess. Mrs. K. E. Coleman will have charge of the program. All members are urged to be present.

Local F.F.A. Chapter Observes National Future Farmer Week

The Robert E. Lee Chapter of the Future Farmers of America (F. F. A.) is putting special emphasis on the history and meaning of the F. F. A. Friday of this week because this week, Feburay 19 to 26, is known as National FFA Week.

Membership in the F. F. A. is made up of farm boys who are students of vocational agriculture in high school. The organization's activities are designed primarily to help develop rural leadership and good citizenship, and to stimulate the boys to better achievement in their study and work toward successful establishment in farming.

The Appomattox F. F. A. Chapter has 50 members at the present time. Officers in this local chapter are: Ralph Harris, president; Claude Allen Moore, vice-president; Ralph Reynolds, treasurer; Curtis Wooten, Secretary; Floyd Fleshman, reporter, and Bobby Barger, sentinel.

The national Future Farmer organization has more than 370,000 members in the 48 states, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Membership in Virginia totals 8,087.

Future Farmers choose the week of George Washington's birthday each year for the observance of National F. F. A. Week. Although generally recognized as a Revolutionary War general and First President, Washington's first love was the farm he called Mount Vernon. There, he was one of the first in the nation to practice contour planting, crop roatations, ferilization, and other soil conservation and improvement methods. It was more than a century after Washington's death before general use was made of the sound agricultural practices that he advocated.

Yesterday was the 100th anniversary of the establishment of a U. S. Post Office at what is now Appomattox, Virginia.

Information secured from National Archives and the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., tells an interesting story of a full century of mail service here.

There have been 20 postmaster and/or acting postmaster appointments in the 100 years of operation, and the incumbent, E. LeRoy Smith, has served longer than any other.

The name of the office has been changed several times. On February 23, 1855, a fourth class post office was established here and was called "Nebraska, Virginia." The first postmaster was Samuel D. McDearmon. Salary amounted to $6.01.

The office operated under the name of Nebraska, Virginia until September 21, 1894, when it was changed to Appomattox. However, due to confusion with the Old Appomattox Court House community, the name of the post office here changed on January 15, 1895, to West Appomattox, Virginia. It operated under that name until June 27, 1906, when it took the present name of Appomattox, Virginia.

The office became third class in 1909 and second class in 1937. In mid-1955 it is scheduled to become first class, due to volume of business. Several years ago it became first class, but reverted to second class due to a shift in parcel post business.

The following is a list of postmasters and their terms:

Samuel D. McDearmon, February 23, 1855
Richard H. Mavin, December 31, 1855
Robert I. Boaz, October 4, 1856
Thomas E. Walton, December 22, 1857
William D. Hix, April 20, 1859
William T. Collins, April 16, 1860
Mrs. Mary J. Atwood, February 10, 1866
Ada A. Landrum, June 26, 1866
N. H. Gregory, October 30, 1867
Miss Elizabeth H. Dee, January 21, 1868
Rufus Purdum, January 13, 1873
Samuel H. Coleman, July 26, 1889
John S. Plunkett, May 9, 1893
Robert Irby, May 7, 1897
Leslie F. Ferguson, May 20, 1913
Robert Irby, April 28, 1922
Lula G. Irby, Acting Postmaster, April 21, 1931
Alfred R. Harwood, Acting Postmaster, May 15, 1931
Joseph E. Dinwiddie, June 1, 1932
E. LeRoy Smith, Acting Postmaster, June 1, 1934
Regular Appointment, March 8, 1935.

However, this was not the first post office in what is now Appomattox County. The following information was supplied by the National Archives and reports of the Post Office Department:

"Appomattox County, Virginia

"The records show that this office was established on April 1, 1811, under the name of Floods, Buckingham County, Virginia, with Thomas Trent the first postmaster. It is shown that the name of the county was changed to Prince Edward on March 22, 1837, that the name of the office was changed to Clover Hill on July 7, 1837 and that the county in which the office was located was changed to Appomattox sometime between September 23, 1845 and June 30, 1849. The records show that the name of the office was changed to Appomattox Court House on February 3, 1859 and changed to Appomattox on July 3, 1892."

It therefore appears that the history of a post office at what is now without a post office but known as Old Appomattox Court House, is equally interesting. That part of the county was in Buckingham when the post office was established as Floods in 1811. Later it became a part of Prince Edward and finally Appomattox in 1845.

Shortly after the burning of the court house in 1892, the court house was rebuilt at what is now the Town of Appomattox, and finally the post office at the historic old village was discontinued. It was officially Appomattox Court House, Virginia, at the time Gen. Lee surrendered to Gen. Grant.

Undocumented stories often told here relate that in the gold rush days a hundred years and more ago, some family started out for Nebraska, got this far and liked the place so much that they decided to settle here and call this Nebraska. This newspaper has no proof of that

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